

REMARKS

Only claims 18 and 19 are amended. Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-20, 24-38, 40-44, 46, 50-52 and 54-109 remain in the application.

In reviewing the application claims upon receipt of the August 25, 2004 Notice of Allowance, the undersigned noted a common/single oversight in each of claims 18 and 19, namely that "said exposed surface" lacked antecedent basis. Accordingly, an amendment to each of claims 18 and 19 is made herein wherein the word "said" is changed to "an".

It is respectfully requested that it is appropriate for these two minor changes to be made and entered at this time. Such do not require significant substantive review by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner will quickly be able to determine by looking solely at these two claims that the previously presented "said exposed surface" lacked antecedent basis, and that changing "said" to "an" inherently fixes this issue. Accordingly, no appreciable burden to the Examiner is seen by review at this time in making these two identical changes.


The undersigned hereby further asserts that such requested amendment could not have practically been made earlier, as the undersigned only became aware of the issue after reviewing the Notice of Allowance dated August 25, 2004.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendment be entered at this time, and that the undersigned be provided with evidence of entry of the same without the requirement of filing a Request for Continued Examination. The Examiner's consideration in this regard will be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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